

# EPA Region 9 Pacific Gyre Marine Debris Strategy: Prevention, Reduction & Cleanup

## Land-Based Prevention

- Support trash TMDLs & stormwater permit requirements
- Focus on LA Basin, SF Bay Region & Honolulu trash requirements:
  - LA - zero by 2016
  - SF Bay - zero by 2022
  - Honolulu - proposed
- Support key CA Initiatives:
  - Development of Water Board trash policy
  - Implementation of pre-production plastic pellet control program
- Inspection & enforcement

## Ocean Assessment & Cleanup

- Prepare Preliminary Assessment Report: *Marine Debris in the North Pacific*
- Conduct assessments to fill critical data gaps concerning nature & extent of debris, and aquatic life impacts
- Test innovative cleanup technologies

## Land-Based Reduction

- Develop "white paper" on economic burden on local government
- Work with stakeholders to implement source reduction of most commonly found debris items
- Inspection and enforcement of pellet transit nodes and/or plastic manufacturing facilities

